#### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

### **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Sequoia Energy US Inc. 150 MW Border Winds Energy Project – Rolette County Siting Application Case No. PU-08-797

Sequoia Energy US Inc./ Border Winds Energy, LLC Transfer of Site Certificate Siting Application Case No. PU-14-31

### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE REGULAR MAIL OR EMAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Cara DeSaye deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **18**<sup>th</sup> day of **February**, **2014**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **8** envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed, and **22** electronic mails electronically sent a copy of:

Notice of Intent to Amend Order, Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Informal Hearing

The envelopes and electronic mails respectively were addressed as follows:

See attached list.

Each post office address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address and each email address is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable electronic mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ORDER, NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING AND NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING

### February 14, 2014

On May 5, 2011, in Case No. PU-08-797, the Commission adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Site Certificate No. 21 to Sequoia Energy US, Inc. authorizing construction of a 150 MW Border Winds Energy Project in Rolette County, North Dakota.

On January 8, 2014, Sequoia filed a petition to amend the May 5, 2011 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order to authorize changes to the previously approved Site Certificate No. 21 wind turbine site plan. Sequoia now proposes a smaller sized turbine model resulting in changes to previously authorized turbine locations and the addition of several new turbine locations within boundaries of the previously approved project area shown on the attached map. The issues to be considered are:

- 1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
- 2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
- 3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

Also on January 8, 2014, in Case No. PU-14-31, Sequoia and Border Winds Energy, LLC filed a joint application to transfer Site Certificate No 21 to Border Winds Energy. Border Winds Energy would purchase the project from Sequoia, develop it, and then transfer ownership under a purchase and sale agreement with Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy. The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-14-31 are whether Border Winds Energy agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of Site Certificate No 21 and whether the requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

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Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by March 28, 2014. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An informal hearing of this matter is scheduled to begin on March 25, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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